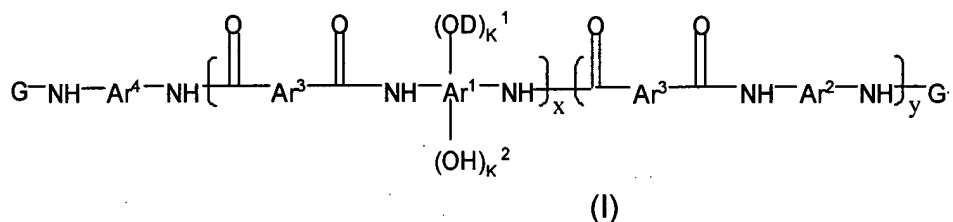
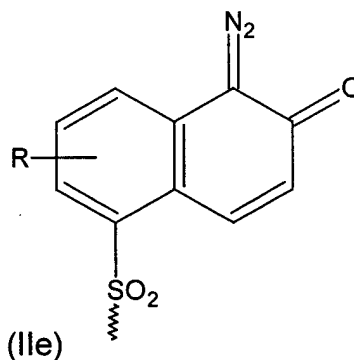
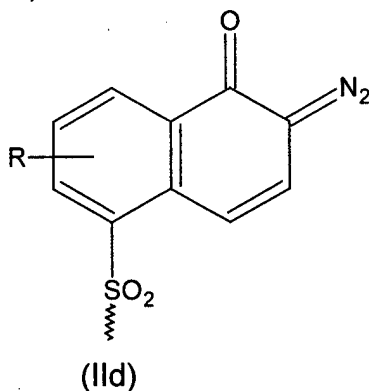
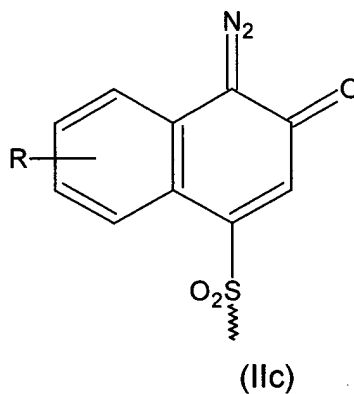
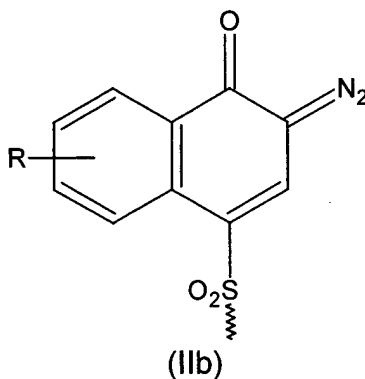
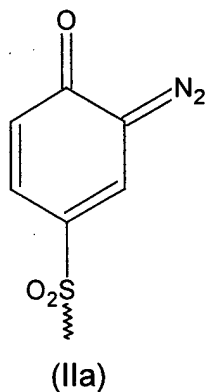


Listing of Claims in the Application

1. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer with Structure I

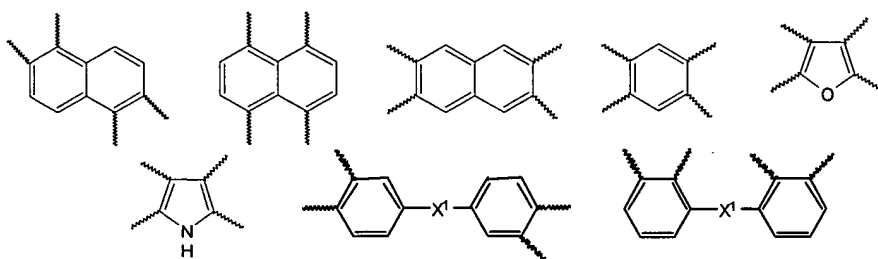


wherein Ar^1 is selected from the group consisting of a tetravalent aromatic group, a tetravalent heterocyclic group and mixtures thereof; Ar^2 is selected from the group consisting of a divalent aromatic, a divalent heterocyclic, a divalent alicyclic and a divalent aliphatic group that may contain silicon; Ar^3 is selected from the group consisting of a divalent aromatic group, a divalent aliphatic group, a divalent heterocyclic group and mixtures thereof; Ar^4 is selected from the group consisting of Ar^1 $(\text{OH})_2$ and Ar^2 , x is from about 10 to about 1000; y is from 0 to about 900; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties IIa-IIe:



wherein, R is selected from the group consisting of H, a C₁ – C₄ alkyl group, a C₁ – C₄ alkoxy group and a cyclohexyl group, k^1 can be any positive value of up to about 0.5, k^2 can be any value from about 1.5 to about 2 with the proviso that $(k^1+k^2)=2$, x is from about 10 to about 1000; y is from about 0 to about 900; G is an organic group having a carbonyl, carbonyloxy or sulfonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polymer.

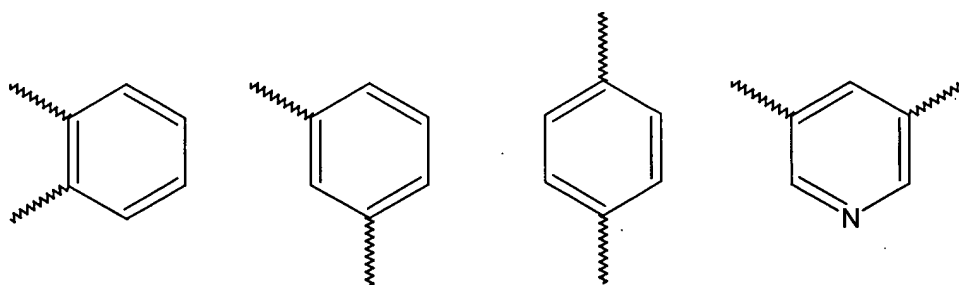
2. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar¹ is a moiety selected from the group consisting of

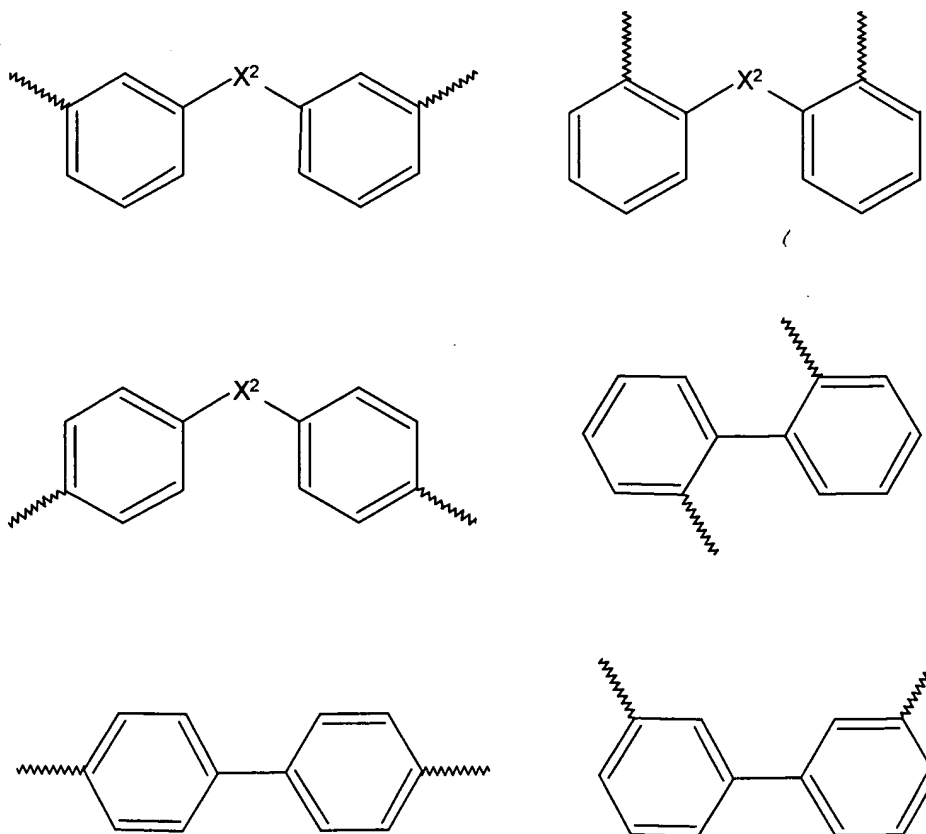


wherein X¹ is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -C(CF₃)₂-, -CH₂-, -SO₂-, -NHCO- and -SiR⁹₂- and each R⁹ is independently selected from the group consisting of a C₁ – C₇ linear or branched alkyl and a C₅ – C₈ cycloalkyl group.

3. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar¹ is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)-hexafluoropropane, 3,3'-dihydroxy-4,4'-diaminodiphenylether, 3,3'-dihydroxybenzidine, 4,6-diaminoresorcinol, and 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane and mixtures thereof.

4. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar³ is a moiety selected from the group consisting of





wherein X^2 is selected from the group consisting of $-O-$, $-S-$, $-C(CF_3)_2-$, $-CH_2-$, $-SO_2-$, and $-NHCO-$.

5. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar^3 is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 4,4'-diphenyletherdicarboxylic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, isophthaloyl dichloride, phthaloyl dichloride, terephthaloyl dichloride, 4,4'-diphenyletherdicarboxylic acid dichloride, dimethylisophthalate, dimethylphthalate, dimethylterephthalate, diethylisophthalate, diethylphthalate, diethylterephthalate and mixtures thereof.

6. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein D is selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIId.

7. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein k^1 is from about 0.01 to about 0.1.

8. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein G is an organic group having a carbonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer.

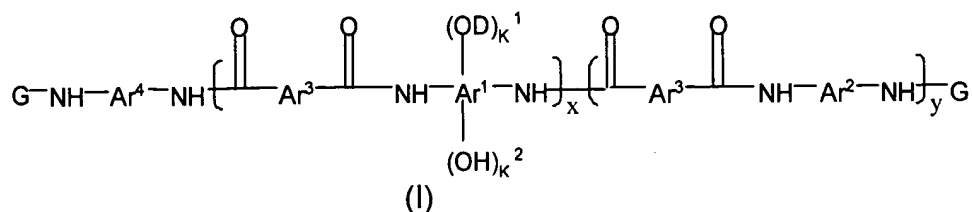
9. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein G is alkylcarbonyl.

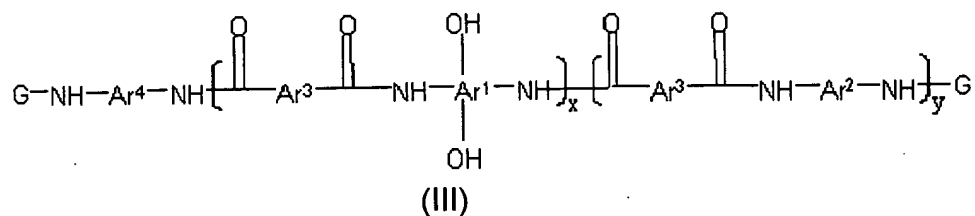
10. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar^1 is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)-hexafluoropropane, 3,3'-dihydroxy-4,4'-diaminodiphenylether, 3,3'-dihydroxybenzidine, 4,6-diaminoresorcinol, and 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane or mixtures thereof, and D is selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc.

11. (Original) A polybenzoxazole precursor polymer according to claim 1, wherein Ar^1 is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)-hexafluoropropane, 3,3'-dihydroxy-4,4'-diaminodiphenylether, 3,3'-dihydroxybenzidine, 4,6-diaminoresorcinol, and G is alkylcarbonyl.

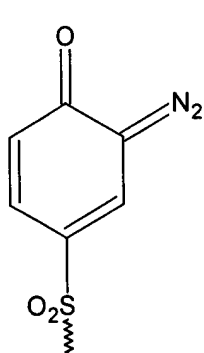
12. (Currently amended) A positive photosensitive resin composition comprising:

(a) at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer selected from the group consisting of polymers having Structure I and III;

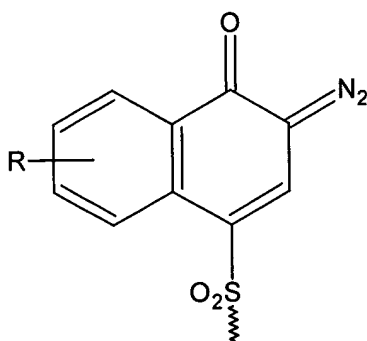




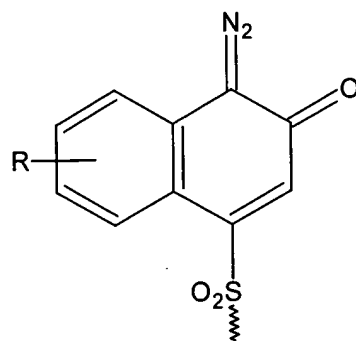
wherein Ar^1 is selected from the group consisting of a tetravalent aromatic group, a tetravalent heterocyclic group and mixtures thereof; Ar^2 is selected from the group consisting of a divalent aromatic, a divalent heterocyclic, a divalent alicyclic and a divalent aliphatic group that may contain silicon and mixtures thereof; Ar^3 is selected from the group consisting of a divalent aromatic group, a divalent aliphatic group, a divalent heterocyclic group and mixtures thereof; Ar^4 is selected from the group consisting of Ar^1 , $(\text{OH})_2$ and Ar^2 ; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties IIa-IIe:



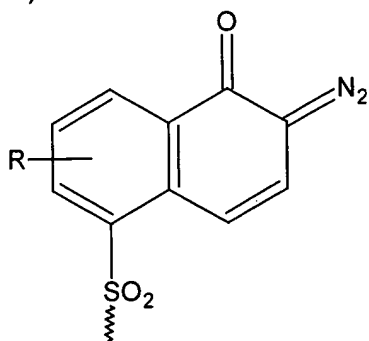
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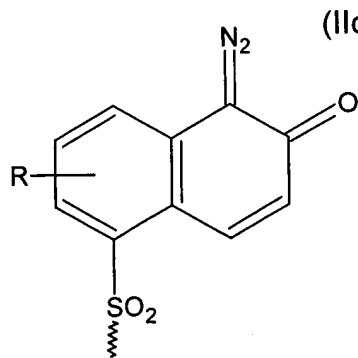
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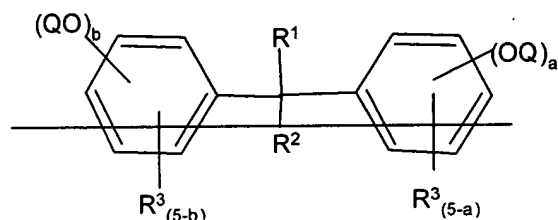
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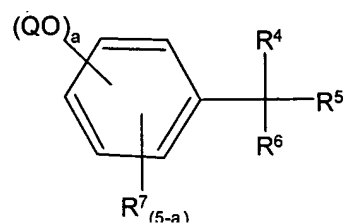
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wherein, R is selected from the group consisting of H, a C₁ – C₄ alkyl group, a C₁ – C₄ alkoxy group and a cyclohexyl group; k^1 can be any positive value of up to about 0.5, k^2 can be any value from about 1.5 to 2 with the proviso that $(k^1+k^2)=2$, x is from about 10 to about 1000; y is from about 0 to about 900; and G is an organic group having a carbonyl, carbonyloxy or sulfonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polymer,

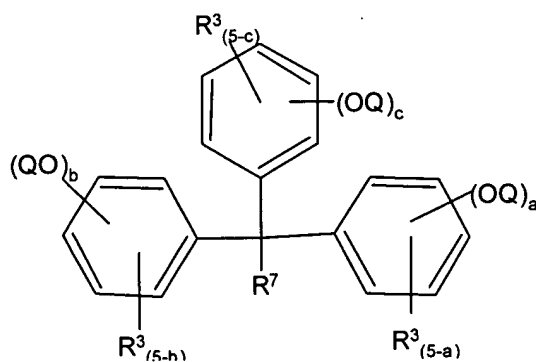
(b) at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprising a compound having within its structure one or more of moieties selected from the group consisting of IIa-IIe, with the proviso that if a polymer of Structure III is the sole polybenzoxazole precursor polymer, the non-polymeric photosensitive compound is selected from the group consisting of compounds described by structures IV–VI V–VI,



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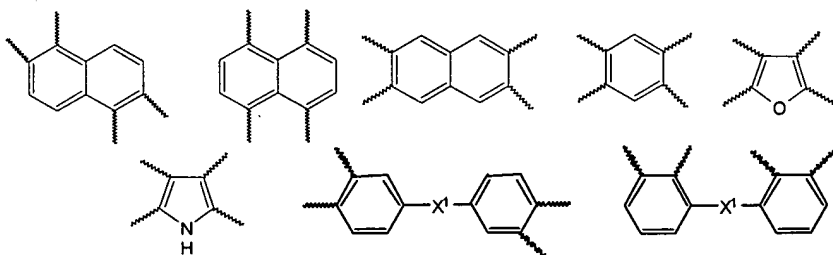
(VI)

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 each independently are selected from the group

consisting of a linear or branched C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted C₁ - C₄ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated C₁ - C₄ linear or branched alkyl group, a C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₁ - C₄ alkyl or halide substituted C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, or alternatively R¹ and R² or any two of R⁴, R⁵, and R⁶ may together form a 5-7 membered ring; each R³ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, a linear or branched C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted C₁ - C₄ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated linear or branched C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₁ - C₄ alkyl or halide substituted C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, an unsubstituted phenyl group, and a phenyl or alkyl or halide substituted phenyl group; Q is selected from the group consisting of H or D with the proviso that at least one Q = D; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the moieties IIa-IIe; a is an integer from 1 to 5; b and c are integers from 0 to 5 with the provisos: (1) that for Structure IV, if a = b = 1 and both OQ are substituted para to the R¹R²C substituent, then both R¹ and R² are not simultaneously methyl, and (2) 1 ≤ a+b ≤ 6; and the proviso that for Structure VI, if a = b = c = 1 and all OQ are para to the triphenyl methane carbon substituent, then at least one R³ is not H; and

(c) at least one solvent.

13. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein Ar¹ is a moiety selected from the group consisting of



wherein X¹ is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -C(CF₃)₂-, -CH₂-, -SO₂-, -NHCO- and -SiR⁹₂- and each R⁹ is independently selected from the group consisting of a C₁ - C₇ linear or branched alkyl and a C₅ - C₈ cycloalkyl group.

14. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein

15. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein Ar^3 is a moiety selected from the group consisting of



NHCO-.

16. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein Ar³ is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 4,4'-diphenyletherdicarboxylic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, isophthaloyl dichloride, phthaloyl dichloride, terephthaloyl dichloride, 4,4'-diphenyletherdicarboxylic acid dichloride, dimethylisophthalate, dimethylphthalate, dimethylterephthalate, diethylisophthalate, diethylphthalate, diethylterephthalate and mixtures thereof.

17. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein D is selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc.

18. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein k¹ is from about 0.01 to about 0.1.

19. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein G is an organic group having a carbonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer.

20. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein G is alkyl carbonyl.

21. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer comprises Structure I.

22. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer comprises Structure III.

23. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer comprises a mixture of Structure I and

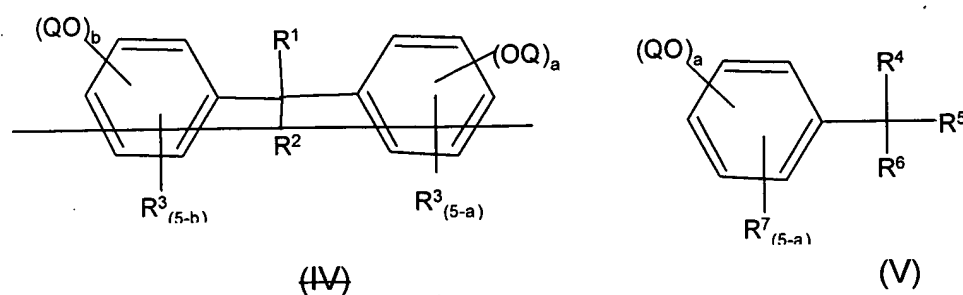
Structure III.

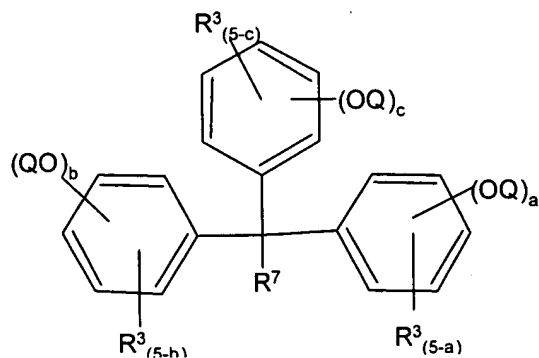
24. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 21, wherein the at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprises a compound having within its structure a moiety selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc.

25. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 22, wherein the at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprises a compound having within its structure a moiety selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc.

26. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 23, wherein the at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprises a compound having within its structure a moiety selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc.

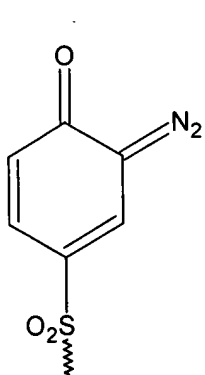
27. (Currently amended)) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 21, wherein the at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprises a compound having within its structure a moiety selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and or the moiety IIc and is selected from the group consisting of compounds described by structures ~~IV-VI~~ V-VI,



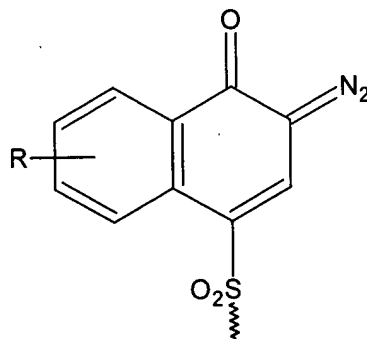


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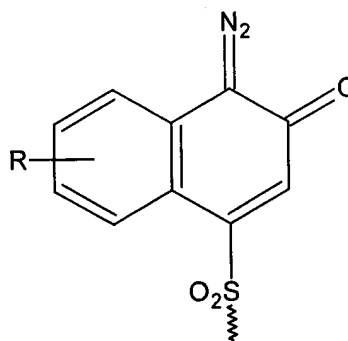
wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 each independently are selected from the group consisting of a linear or branched $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted $C_1 - C_4$ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated $C_1 - C_4$ linear or branched alkyl group, a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl or halide substituted $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group or alternatively R^1 and R^2 or any two of R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 may together form a 5-7 membered ring; each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, a linear or branched $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted $C_1 - C_4$ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated linear or branched $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl or halide substituted $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, an unsubstituted phenyl group, and a phenyl or alkyl or halide substituted phenyl group; Q is selected from the group consisting of H or D with the proviso that at least one Q = D; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties IIa-IIe:



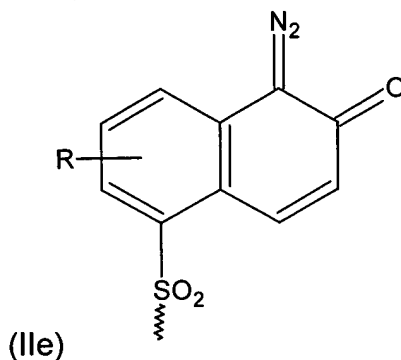
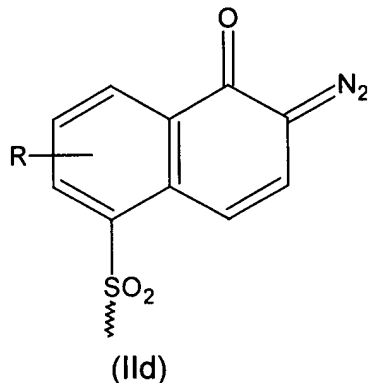
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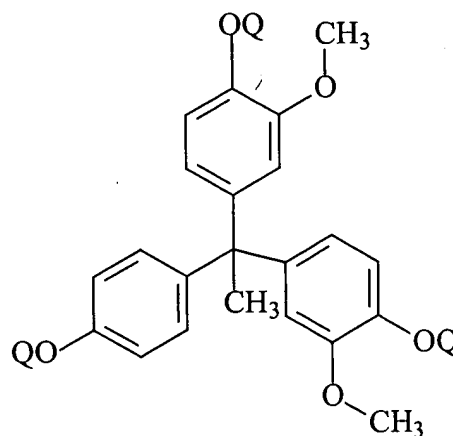
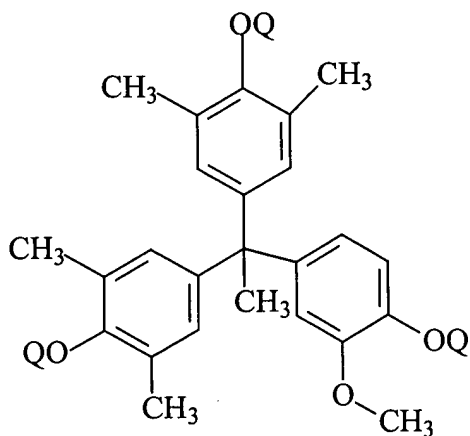
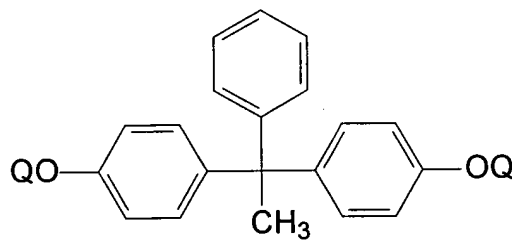
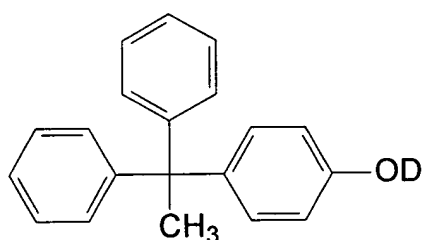


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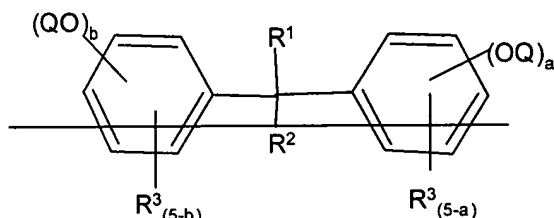


wherein, R is selected from the group consisting of H, a C₁ – C₄ alkyl group; a C₁ – C₄ alkoxy group and a cyclohexyl group; a is an integer from 1 to 5; b and c are integers from 0 to 5 with the provisos: (1) that for Structure IV, if a = b = 1 and both OQ are substituted para to the R¹R²C substituent, then both R¹ and R² are not simultaneously methyl and (2) 1 ≤ a+b ≤ 6; and the proviso that for Structure VI, if a = b = c = 1 and all OQ are para to the triphenyl methane carbon substituent, then at least one R³ is not H.

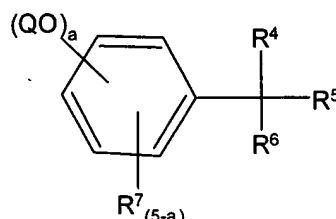
28. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 21, wherein the non-polymeric photosensitive compound is selected from the group consisting of



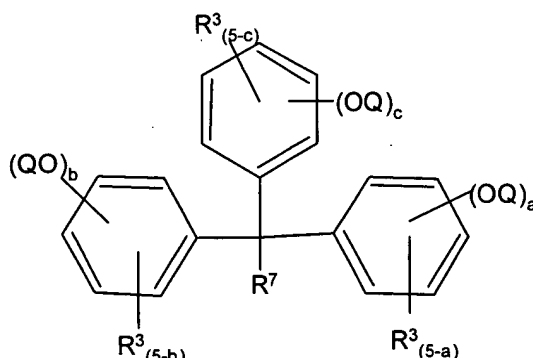
29. (currently amended) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 23, wherein the at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprises a compound having within its structure a moiety selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc and is selected from the group consisting of compounds described by structures IV—VI V - VI,



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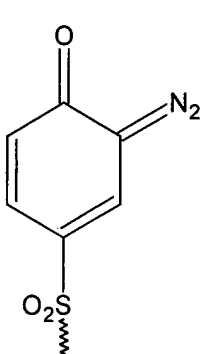
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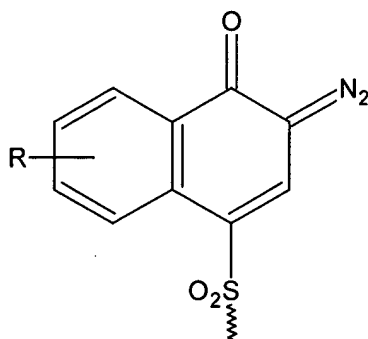
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wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 and R^7 each independently are selected from the group consisting of a linear or branched $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted $C_1 - C_4$ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated $C_1 - C_4$ linear or branched alkyl group, a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl or halide substituted $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, or alternatively R^1 and R^2 or any two of R^4 , R^5 , and R^6 may together form a 5-7 membered ring; each R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, a linear or branched $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted $C_1 - C_4$ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated linear or branched $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, a $C_1 - C_4$

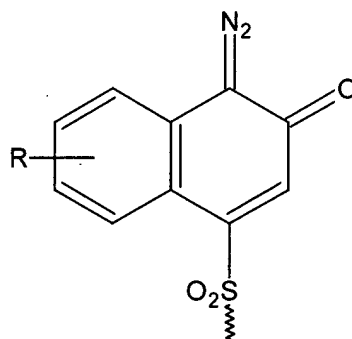
alkyl or halide substituted C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, an unsubstituted phenyl group and a phenyl or alkyl or halide substituted phenyl group; Q is selected from the group consisting of H or D with the proviso that at least one Q = D; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties IIa-IIe:



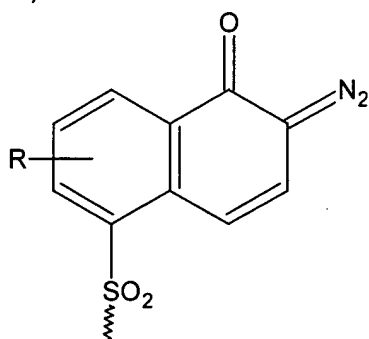
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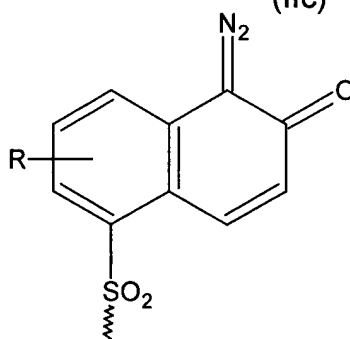
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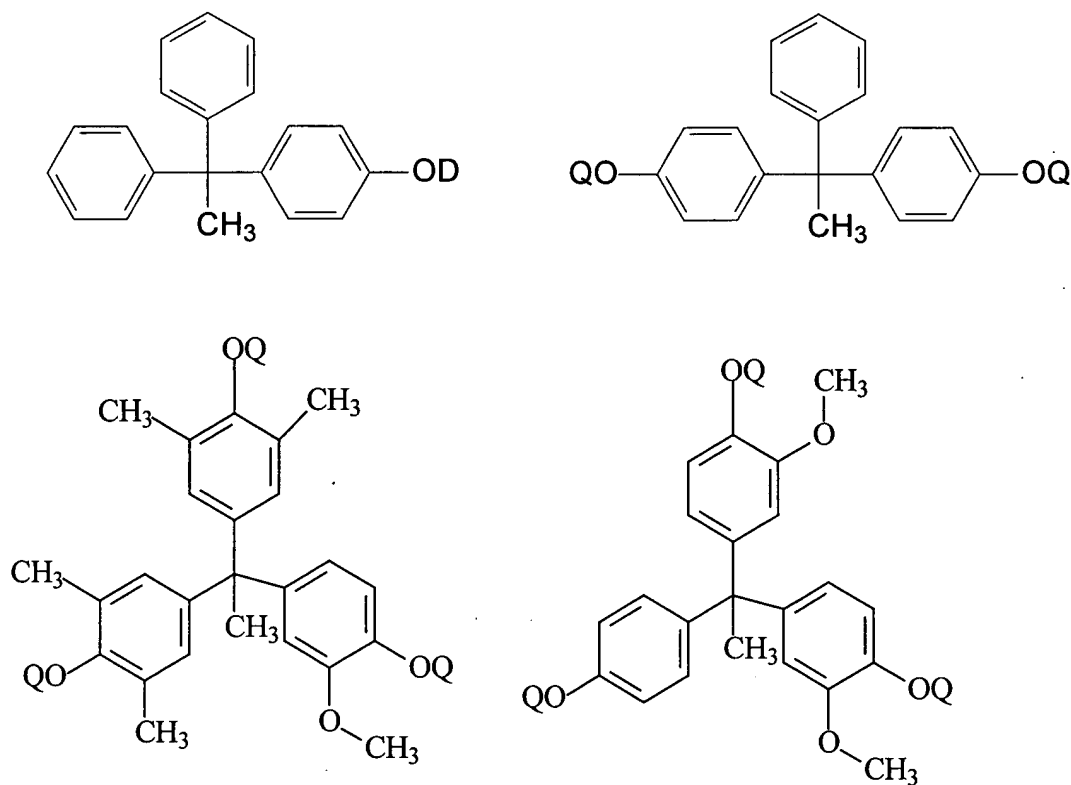
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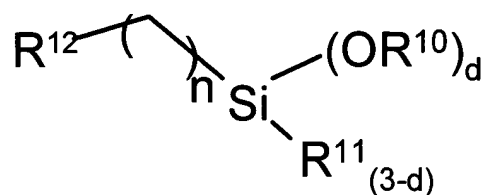
wherein, R is selected from the group consisting of H, a C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a C₁ - C₄ alkoxy group and a cyclohexyl group; a is an integer from 1 to 5; b and c are integers from 0 to 5 with the provisos: (1) that for Structure IV, if a = b = 1 and both OQ are substituted para to the R¹R²C substituent, then both R¹ and R² are not simultaneously methyl and (2) 1 ≤ a + b ≤ 6; and the proviso that for Structure VI, if a = b = c = 1 and all OQ are para to the triphenyl methane carbon substituent, then at least one R³ is not H.

30. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 23, wherein the non-polymeric photosensitive compound is selected from the group consisting of



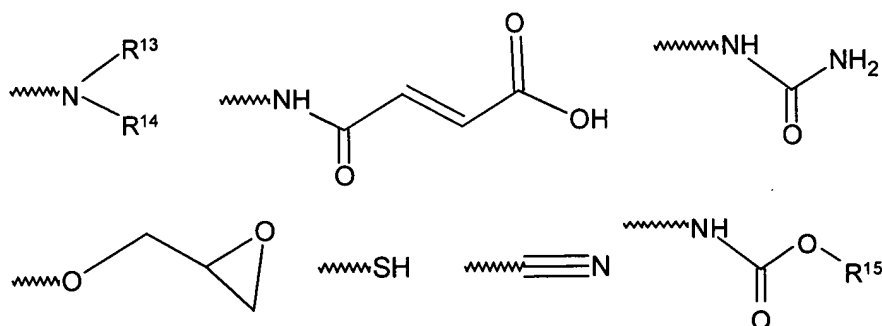
31. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 12, further comprising an adhesion promoter.

32. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 31 wherein the adhesion promoter has the Structure XIII



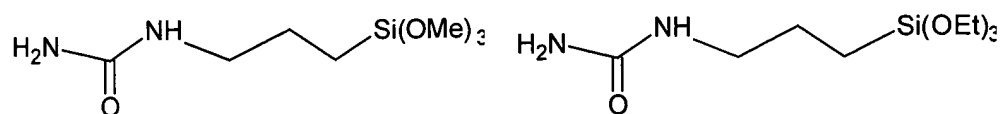
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wherein each R^{10} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group and each R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a $C_1 - C_4$ alkoxy group, a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkoxy group; d is an integer from 0 to 3 and n is an integer from 1 to about 6 and R^{12} is a moiety selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties:



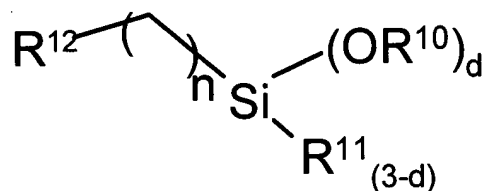
wherein each R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, and R^{15} is selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group.

33. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 31 wherein the adhesion promoter is selected from the group consisting of



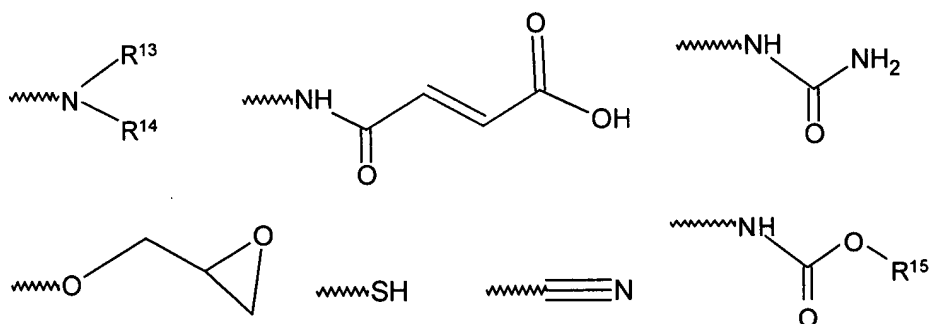
34. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 24 wherein D on the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer is a moiety selected from the group consisting of moiety IIb and moiety IIc.

35. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 24 wherein D on the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer is a moiety selected from the group consisting of moiety IIb and moiety IIc, G is an organic group having a carbonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer, and the composition further comprises an adhesion promoter having the structure



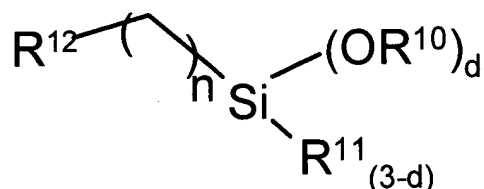
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wherein each R^{10} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group and each R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group, a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkoxy group, a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkoxy group; d is an integer from 0 to 3 and n is an integer from 1 to about 6 and R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties:



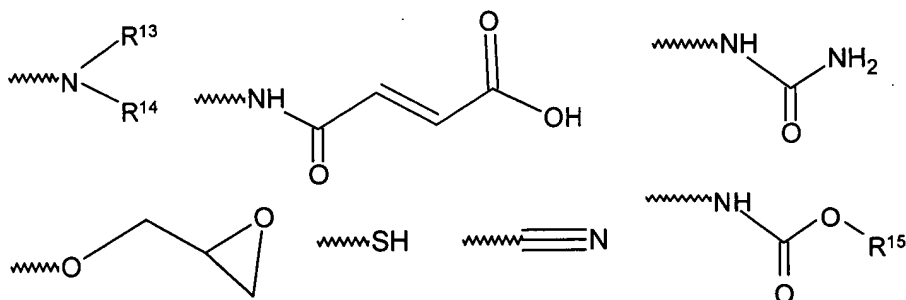
wherein each R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group or a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group, and R^{15} is a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group.

36. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 25 wherein G is an organic group having a carbonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer, and the composition further comprises an adhesion promoter having the structure



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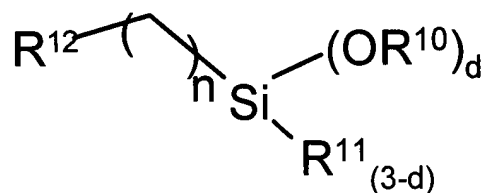
wherein each R^{10} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group and each R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group, a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkoxy group, a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkoxy group; d is an integer from 0 to 3 and n is an integer from 1 to about 6 and R^{12} is a moiety selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties:



wherein each R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group, and R^{15} is selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group.

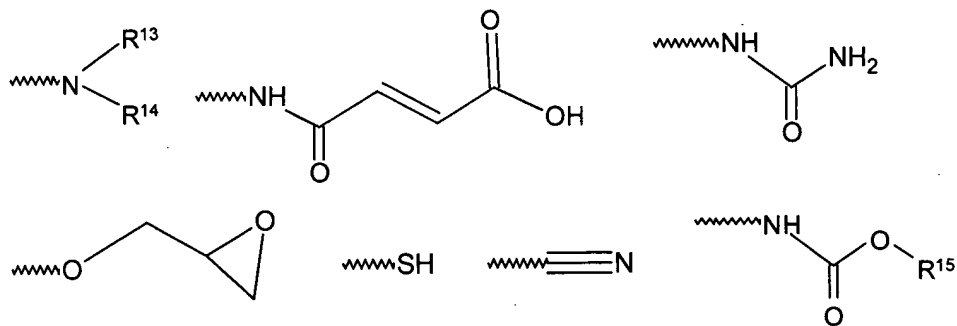
37. (Original) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 26 wherein D

on the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer is a moiety selected from the group consisting of moiety IIb and moiety IId, G is an organic group having a carbonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer, and the composition further comprises an adhesion promoter having the structure



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wherein each R^{10} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group and each R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group, a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkoxy group, a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkoxy group; d is an integer from 0 to 3 and n is an integer from 1 to about 6 and R^{12} is a moiety selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties:



wherein each R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group, and R^{15} is selected from the group consisting of a $\text{C}_1 - \text{C}_4$ alkyl group and a $\text{C}_5 - \text{C}_7$ cycloalkyl group.

38. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 12 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

39. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 17 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

40. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 25 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby

forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and

- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

41. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 27 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

42. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 28 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

43. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 29 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;

- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (d) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

44. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 31 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

45. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 32 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

46. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of

claim 33 thereby forming a coated substrate;

- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

47. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 36 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

48. (Original) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

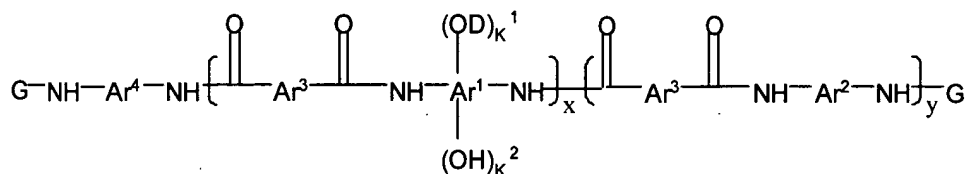
- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 38 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

49. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 38.
50. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 39.
51. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 40.
52. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 41.
53. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 42.
54. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 43.
55. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 44.
56. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 45.
57. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 46.
58. (Original) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 47.

59. (Currently amended) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 48.

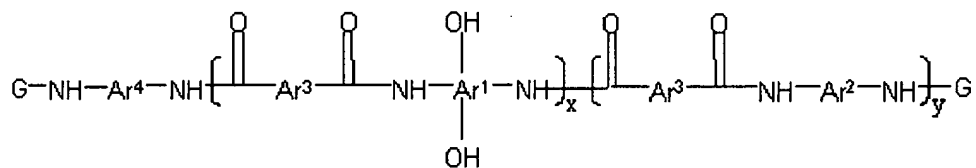
60. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition comprising:

(a) at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer having Structure I:



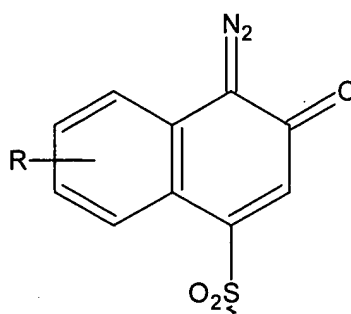
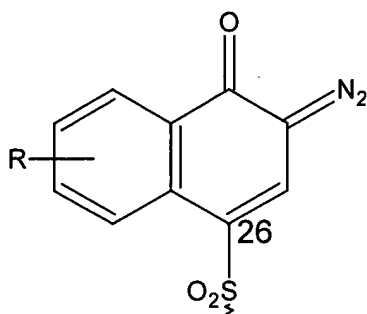
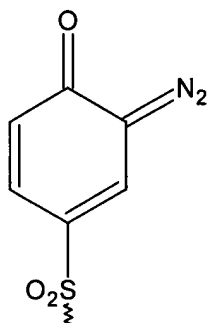
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and optionally at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer having Structure III

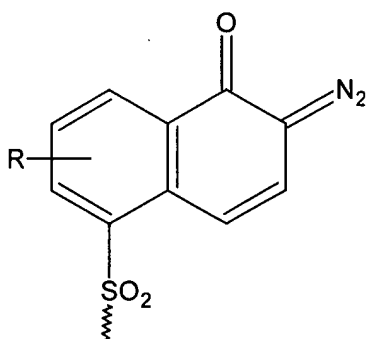


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wherein Ar^1 is selected from the group consisting of a tetravalent aromatic group, a tetravalent heterocyclic group and mixtures thereof; Ar^2 is selected from the group consisting of a divalent aromatic, a divalent heterocyclic, a divalent alicyclic and a divalent aliphatic group that may contain silicon and mixtures thereof; Ar^3 is selected from the group consisting of a divalent aromatic group, a divalent aliphatic group, a divalent heterocyclic group and mixtures thereof; Ar^4 is selected from the group consisting of Ar^1 ($\text{OH})_2$ and Ar^2 ; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties IIa-IIe:

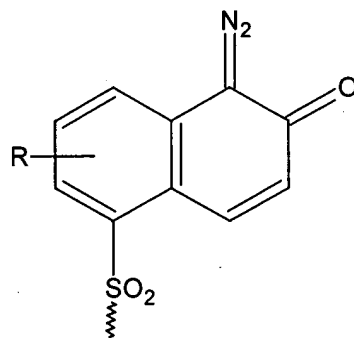


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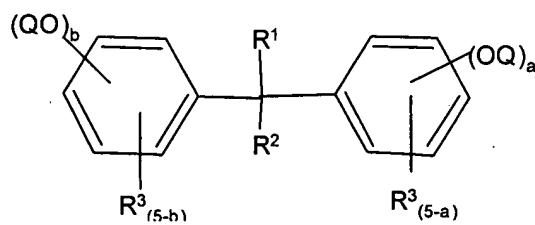
(IIb)



(IIe)

wherein, R is selected from the group consisting of H, a C₁ – C₄ alkyl group, a C₁ – C₄ alkoxy group and a cyclohexyl group; k¹ can be any positive value of up to about 0.5, k² can be any value from about 1.5 to 2 with the proviso that (k¹+k²)=2, x is from about 10 to about 1000; y is from about 0 to about 900; and G is an organic group having a carbonyl, carbonyloxy or sulfonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polymer,

(b) at least one non-polymeric photosensitive compound comprising a compound described by structure IV,



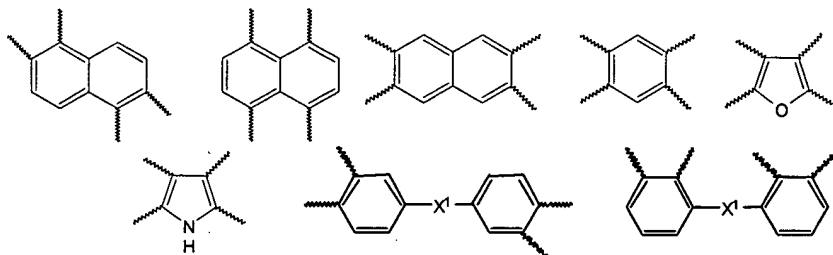
(IV)

wherein R¹ and R² are each independently are selected from the group consisting of a

linear or branched C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted C₁ - C₄ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated C₁ - C₄ linear or branched alkyl group, a C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₁ - C₄ alkyl or halide substituted C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, or alternatively R¹ and R² may together form a 5-7 membered ring; each R³ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, a linear or branched C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a phenyl or halide substituted C₁ - C₄ linear or branched alkyl group, a perfluorinated linear or branched C₁ - C₄ alkyl group, a C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, a C₁ - C₄ alkyl or halide substituted C₅ - C₇ cycloalkyl group, an unsubstituted phenyl group, and a phenyl or alkyl or halide substituted phenyl group; Q is selected from the group consisting of H or D with the proviso that at least one Q = D; D is selected from the group consisting of one of the moieties IIa-IIe; a is an integer from 1 to 5; b is an integers from 0 to 5; and

(c) at least one solvent.

61. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein Ar¹ is a moiety selected from the group consisting of

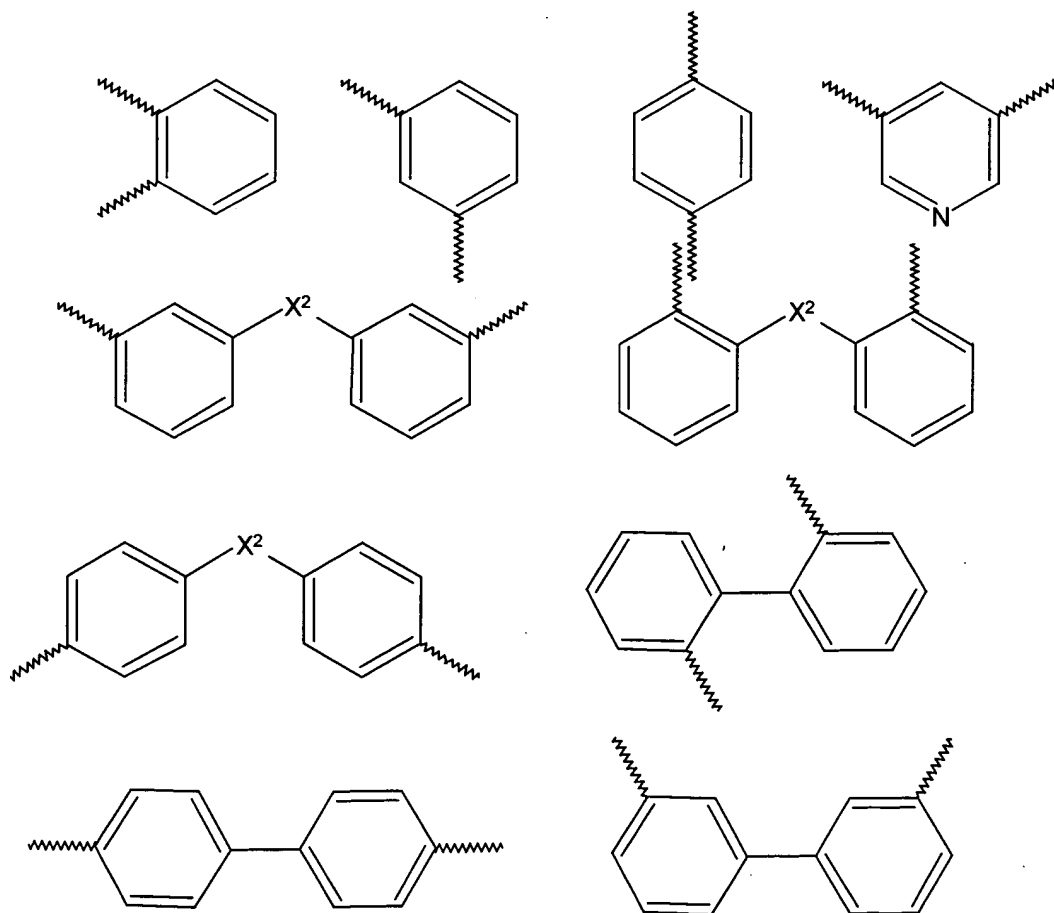


wherein X¹ is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -C(CF₃)₂-, -CH₂-, -SO₂-, -NHCO- and -SiR⁹₂- and each R⁹ is independently selected from the group consisting of a C₁ - C₇ linear or branched alkyl and a C₅ - C₈ cycloalkyl group.

62. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein Ar¹ is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)-hexafluoropropane, 3,3'-dihydroxy-4,4'-diaminodiphenylether, 3,3'-

dihydroxybenzidine, 4,6-diaminoresorcinol, and 2,2-bis(3-amino-4-hydroxyphenyl)propane or mixtures thereof.

63. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein Ar^3 is a moiety selected from the group consisting of



wherein X^2 is selected from the group consisting of $-\text{O}-$, $-\text{S}-$, $-\text{C}(\text{CF}_3)_2-$, $-\text{CH}_2-$, $-\text{SO}_2-$ and $-\text{NHCO}-$.

64. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60 wherein Ar^3 is a moiety derived from a reactant selected from the group consisting of 4,4'-diphenyletherdicarboxylic acid, terephthalic acid, isophthalic acid, isophthaloyl dichloride, phthaloyl dichloride, terephthaloyl dichloride, 4,4'-diphenyletherdicarboxylic acid dichloride,

dimethylisophthalate, dimethylphthalate, dimethylterphthalate, diethylisophthalate, diethylphthalate, diethylterphthalate and mixtures thereof.

65. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein D is selected from the group consisting of the moiety IIb and the moiety IIc.

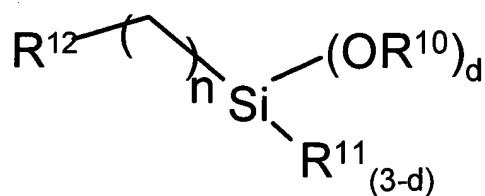
66. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein k^1 is from about 0.01 to about 0.1.

67. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein G is an organic group having a carbonyl group attached directly to the terminal NH of the polybenzoxazole precursor polymer.

68. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein G is alkyl carbonyl.

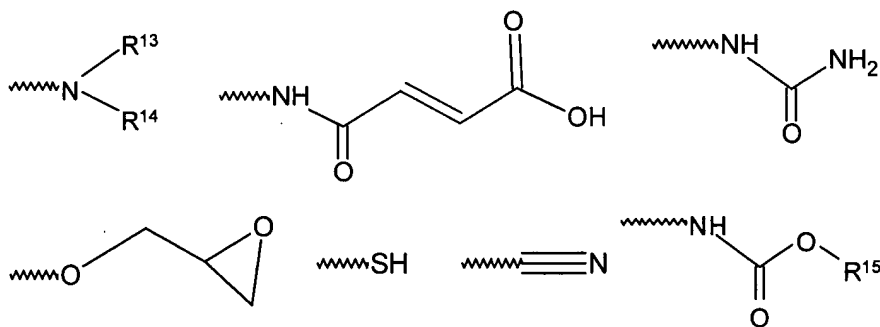
69. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60, wherein the at least one polybenzoxazole precursor polymer comprises a mixture of Structure I and Structure III.

70. (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 60 wherein the composition additionally comprises an adhesion promoter of Structure XIII



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wherein each R^{10} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group and each R^{11} is independently selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group, a $C_1 - C_4$ alkoxy group, a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkoxy group; d is an integer from 0 to 3 and n is an integer from 1 to about 6 and R^{12} is a moiety selected from the group consisting of one of the following moieties:



wherein each R^{13} and R^{14} are independently selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group, and R^{15} is selected from the group consisting of a $C_1 - C_4$ alkyl group and a $C_5 - C_7$ cycloalkyl group.

71 (new) A positive photosensitive resin composition according to claim 70 wherein the adhesion promoter is selected from the group consisting of



72. (new) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 60 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;

- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

73. (new) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 65 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

74. (new) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 68 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

75. (new) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of

- claim 69 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

76. (new) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 69 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

77. (new) A process for forming a patterned image on a substrate, the process comprises the steps of:

- (a) coating on a suitable substrate, a positive-working photosensitive composition of claim 70 thereby forming a coated substrate;
- (b) prebaking the coated substrate;
- (c) exposing the prebaked coated substrate to actinic radiation;
- (d) developing the exposed coated substrate with an aqueous developer, thereby forming an uncured relief image on the coated substrate; and
- (e) baking the developed coated substrate at an elevated temperature, thereby curing the relief image.

78. (new) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 72.

79. (new) A substrate having a patterned image produced by the process of claim 77.